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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-14 and 16-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/15/2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-14 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shigeto, JP2-241990. JP2-241990 discloses a shape memory alloy actuator having a body 3, an activating member 3a, releasable holding means 6, 7, a first wire 1 and a second wire 2, and a biasing means 5. With reference to claims 2, 11, 13 and 18-19, note switches 8 and 9 of JP2-241990.

3. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-14 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shigeru, JP60-166766. JP60-166766 discloses a shape memory alloy actuator having a body 3, an activating member 4, releasable holding means 9, 13, a first wire 11 and a second wire 12, and a biasing means 5. With reference to claims 2, 11, 13 and 18-19, note switch 8 of JP60-166766.

4. Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 12, 14 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tsunehiko, JP62-131156. JP62-131156 discloses a shape memory alloy actuator having a body 16, an activating member 17, releasable holding means 22, a first wire 20 and a second wire 21, and a biasing means 23.

5. Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 12, 14 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tsunehiko, JP62-66047. JP62-66047 discloses a shape memory alloy actuator having a body 15, an activating member 16, releasable holding means 18, a first wire 20 and a second wire 21, and a biasing means 23.

6. Claims 1-3, 5-14 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kroll et al. Kroll et al discloses a shape memory alloy actuator having a body 32, an activating member 12, releasable

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holding means 30, 34, a first wire 16 and a second wire 20, and a biasing means 54. With reference to claims 2, 11, 13 and 18-19, note switches 24 and 28 of Kroll et al.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 4 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hart et al., Bouvot, Suzuki, Jacobsen et al., and Zhou et al. are cited to show the state of the art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheldon J Richter whose telephone number is (703) 305-0475. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Denion can be reached on (703) 308-2623. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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